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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: GREEK PRESS COVERAGE OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN
VIENNA

1. ALL ATHENS NEWSPAPERS APRIL 29 GAVE PROMINENT ATTENTION TO
CONVENING PREVIOUS DAY OF RENEWED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA. TO
GREAT DEGREE, PRESS COVERAGE INDICATED THAT TALKS WERE OFF TO A GOOD
BEGINNING. PRESS HIGHLIGHTED AGREEMENT TO FORM SPECIAL SIX-
MEMBER COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE POWERS AND COMPETENCIES WHICH THE
FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF FEDERATED CYPRUS WOULD POSSESS. REPORTS
AGREED THAT COMMITTEE LIKELY TO SUBMIT ITS REPORT AFTER THREE OR
FOUR WEEKS AND THAT ACCORDINGLY NEW DENKTASH-CLERIDES ROUND WOULD
BE HELD SHORTLY THEREAFTER. PRESS GENERALLY CONCLUDES THAT CURRENT RO
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IN VIENNA LIKELY TO LAST FIVE DAYS.

2. PRESS REPORTS ALSO PRESENT SUBSTANCE OF STATEMENTS MADE AT
YESTERDAY'S MEETING BY UN SECRETARY GENRAL WALDHEIM AND MESSRS.
CLERIDES AND DENKTASH. EXCERPTS OF WALDHEIM COMMENTS INCLUDED THE
SENSE OF URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO THE
NEGOTIATIONS AND HIS CHARACGERIZATION OF A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AS
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VERY IMPORTANT FOR "PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN." CLERIDES' COMMENT THAT HE HAD COME TO CONFERENCE "WITH GOOD WILL AND SPIRIT OF FLEXIBILITY" WAS REPORTED AS WAS DENKTASH STATEMENT THAT "JUSTICE SHOULD BE AFFORDED TO ISLAND AS WHOLE AND NOT ONLY TO SEPARATE COMMUNITIES."

3. REPRESENTATIVE HEADLINES GIVE FLAVOR OF PRESS COVERAGE HERE. AKROPOLIS --"A GOOD BEGINNING OCCURRED YESTERDAY IN VIENNA"; ELEFTHEROS KOSMOS--"RESERVED OPTIMISM IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS; COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS FORMED; WALDHEIM WILL SUBMIT PROPOSALS"; KATHIMERINI--"CONVERSATIONS IN VIENNA BEGAN IN A CLIMATE OF OPTIMISM: FIRST AGREEMENT CONCERNED FORMATION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE"; TO VIMA--"IT IS CLEAR THAT PROGRESS IS INTENDED FOR INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, WALDHEIM DECLARES AFTER FIRST SESSION IN VIENNA: FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE PREVAILS." FINALLY, RIZOSPASTIS (COMMUNIST-EXTERIOR) INTRODUCED ITS REPORT WITH PREDICTABLE TWIST TO HEADLINE, "WHILE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS CONDUCTED, AMERICANS AND NATO SUPPORT ANKARA'S INTRANSIGENCE: THEY PREPARE SUMMIT TALKS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY." KUBISCH

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